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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend claims 1-14 of this application as follows
prior to examination:

1. (Amended) A synchronizer ring comprising:
a ring body which has a sliding region, and
a wear-resistant tribological coating with which the
sliding region is provided,
wherein the tribological coating is a thermally sprayed
coating which contains a maximum of approximately 40% by weight
of a solid lubricant.

2. (Amended) The synchronizer ring according to Claim
1, wherein the solid lubricant is titanium dioxide (TiO_2),
calcium fluoride (CaF_2), hexagonal boron nitride (h-BN),
graphite, lead (Pb) or molybdenum sulphide (MoS_2) or any desired
mixture of these substances.